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FORMER NFL PLAYER SENTENCED

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 27 year-old Lennox Constantine Gordon, a former Indianapolis Colt and Buffalo Bill who also played football at the University of New Mexico, will spend 97 months in federal prison for conspiracy to possess marijuana, possession with intent to distribute marijuana and obstruction of justice.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Robert Junell in Pecos, Texas, yesterday afternoon ordered that Gordon, aka James Nails, be placed under supervised release for a period of five years after completing his prison term.

On February 23, 2006, a federal jury convicted Gordon of the charges. The jury found that beginning in March 2002, Gordon and his accomplices conspired to distribute approximately 700 pounds of marihuana. On June 14, 2002, one of Gordon's co-conspirators was apprehended at the Sierra Blanca checkpoint with a 305 pound marijuana load. Evidence showed that Gordon and others hired a professional car hauler to transport marijuana from Phoenix, Arizona to Atlanta, Georgia. Gordon was also convicted of harassing the car hauler by instructing him on what to say to law enforcement regarding the apprehended marihuana load.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorneys Jay Miller and Jeff Parras.

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